

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Douglas N. CURRY

Rule 53(b) Continuation Application of  
U.S. Application No. 09/219,850

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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DIRECTED ACUITY SEGMENTATION  
RESOLUTION COMPRESSION AND DECOMPRESSION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH  
RULE 53(b) CONTINUATION APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 7, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" insert a new  
paragraph as follows:

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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment Applicant amends the specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.71(d) to properly include the copyrighted material in Appendices A and B.

Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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